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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1205

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Mandatory Local and State Government Class.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lytle

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires all public high schools to provide instruction in local and state government. The bill provides that an individual may not receive a diploma from a public high school unless the individual completes a one semester course in local and state government.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* Under the bill, the Department of Education (DOE) would be required to adopt textbooks/materials and prepare a guide for a one-semester course in local and state government. Under the bill, a student would not be able to receive a high school diploma without completing the proposed course. The Department should be able to use existing government curriculum consultants to develop the course guide required by the bill.

The bill does not make an appropriation. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Background: As of November 5, 2003, the DOE had 261 full-time staff members. The DOE has approximately 278 budgeted full-time positions. The Department of Education reverted \$33.7 M in FY 2003.

Current state academic standard #3 for government instruction (specifically USG.3.13) requires study of the organization of state and local governments of Indiana and their affect on the state's citizens.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Local school corporations would be required to teach a one-semester course in state and local government at the highschool level. Based on the background information above, it may be possible, with cooperation of the Department to revamp the existing US government course and split out the state and local sections into a new semester course, thereby offering a semester of US government and a semester of state and local government. If the alternative is not possible to implement, schools may have to amend their class catalog to account for a separate state local government course and to ensure all CORE 40 requirements are still met.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: State of Indiana *HRM Detail Staffing Report 11/05/2003*; Indiana State Budget Agency BUDSTARS; Department of Education website: <http://www.doe.state.in.us/>.

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